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Administration**

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FOIA Case Number: TSA11-0601

Mr. Phillip Mocek
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Dear Mr. Mocek:

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, dated May 16, 2011, in which you requested access to and copies of Department of Homeland Security (DHS) FOIA "component logs" for the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) for requests received January 20, 2010, through May 16, 2011. Your request has been processed under the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552.

The information you requested may be found in the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) FOIA Electronic Reading Room which may be accessed at the following URL: <http://tsa.gov/research/foia/index.shtm>. These pages have been reviewed and portions are being withheld pursuant to Exemptions (b)(3) and (b)(6). A more complete explanation of these exemptions is provided below.

Exemption (b)(3)

Portions of this document reveal Sensitive Security Information (SSI) and are thus exempt from disclosure under Exemption (b)(3) which permits the withholding of records specifically exempted from disclosure by another Federal statute. Section 114(r) of Title 49, United States Code, exempts from disclosure SSI that "would be detrimental to the security of transportation" if disclosed. The TSA regulations implementing Section 114(r) are found in 49 CFR Part 1520.

Exemption (b)(6)

Exemption (b)(6) permits the government to withhold all identifying information that applies to a particular individual when the disclosure of such information "would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy." This requires the balancing of the public's right to disclosure against the individual's right to privacy. After performing this analysis, we have determined that the privacy interest in the identities of the individuals in the records you have requested outweigh any minimal public interest in

disclosure of the information. Please note that any personal interest you may have in that information does not factor into the aforementioned balancing test.

Fees

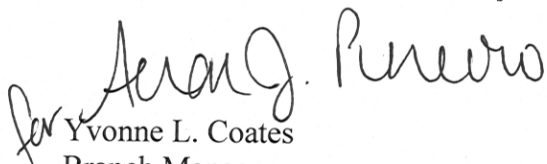
The fees incurred to process your request do not exceed the minimum threshold necessary for charge and, therefore, there are no fees associated with processing this request.

Administrative Appeal

In the event that you may wish to appeal this determination, an administrative appeal may be made in writing to Kimberly Walton, Assistant Administrator, Office of Civil Rights & Liberties, Ombudsman and Traveler Engagement, Transportation Security Administration, 601 South 12th Street, East Building, E7-121S, Arlington, VA 20598-6033. Your appeal **must be submitted within 60 days** from the date of this determination. It should contain your FOIA request number and state, to the extent possible, the reasons why you believe the initial determination should be reversed. In addition, the envelope in which the appeal is mailed in should be prominently marked "FOIA Appeal." Please note that the Assistant Administrator's determination of the appeal will be administratively final.

If you have any questions pertaining to your request, please feel free to contact the FOIA Office at 1-866-364-2872 or locally at 571-227-2300.

Sincerely,



Yvonne L. Coates
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